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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following patents and other documents which are listed on attached Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of filing date of the above-referenced application.

1. U.S. Patent No. 2,536,966 issued January 2, 1951, to Teller.
2. U.S. Patent No. 2,990,908 issued July 4, 1961, to Wozniak.
3. U.S. Patent No. 3,012,626 issued December 12, 1961, to Marryatt.
4. German Patent No. 72 092 C issued May 13, 1893, to Bruns.
5. German Patent No. 215 843 C issued July 18, 1907, to Sponholz.
6. UK Patent No. 1,049,607 A issued November 30, 1966, to Saita et al.
7. UK Patent No. 2,222,848 A issued March 21, 1990, to Melville.
8. UK Patent No. 2,204,629 A issued November 16, 1988, to Apps.

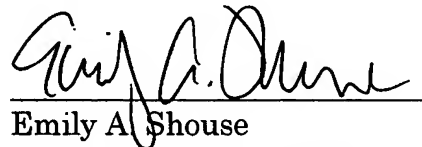
Copies of the listed documents are attached.

For foreign references, an English language version of a search report from the German Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed in lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be considered by the Examiner and made of record as part of the "available prior art" under 37 C.F.R. §1.104.

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